

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL

Proposed name

Polar Bear Mountain

State Alaska

County none

Reason for Proposal:
Check appropriate
box(es)

Controversial name ☐ ☐ Name change

Changed application ☒ ☐ Other

Is name in local use?

No ☐ ☒ Yes If Yes,
approx. No. of years 5

Location of Feature Latitude 61 ° 09 ' " N. Section(s) T. R.
Longitude 149 ° 12 ' " W. Seward Principal Meridian

Brief description of feature: Mountain, elevation 6614, on Anchorage A-6 quad 2 miles northeast of Organ Mountain, 6980, the nearest named feature and nearest higher peak. This mountain has a large snowfield in the shape of a stretched polar bear skin high on its northwestern side facing the town of Eagle River.

MAPS USING PROPOSED NAME	VARIANT SPELLING OR OTHER NAME	MAP SHOWN ON
Advance proof of new Anchorage 1/250,000	Name presently on wrong peak ("Eagle Peak", 6955, at 61°10'N. 149°16' W. on Anchorage A-7 quad)	

Available information as to origin, spelling, and meaning of the proposed name and/or statement concerning nature of difference in usage or application:

The Committee on Geographic Names of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska obtained this name from Eagle River residents in 1963 and submitted it to the State and U.S. Boards that year, but mistakenly applied it to the wrong peak. Recently we caught and checked our own mistake and now seek to correct it before the new Anchorage 1/250,000 map is printed in final form.

(NOTE: The U.S. Board on Geographic Names and the USGS Regional Engineer in Denver have been notified of this mistake by airmail 17 July 1966 in effort to halt printing of the incorrect map.)

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Indicate number of people consulted other than above authorities: 5 to 10

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SUBMITTED BY:

Individual or private organization

Name Vin Hoeman, Chairman, Committee on Geog. Names Date 17 July 1966

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Government agency (State or Federal)- ☐

Check appropriate box

Field officer of a mapping agency ☐

Agency _____ Date _____

Name and title _____

Address _____

INSTRUCTIONS

This form should be used to provide supporting information on Domestic geographic name proposals. Names should be reported when more than one name is given to a feature by local inhabitants, and/or on official maps, or in reports of Federal, State, and county agencies; also if there is disagreement as to the extent of the feature or the application of the name. A full statement covering the field investigation of each name is required in order that adequate evidence may be submitted in proper form to the Board on Geographic Names for decision on the following:

1. Names that have more than one local spelling.
2. Names where local spelling differs from that shown on previously published maps or reports.
3. Conflicting name usage due to change in property ownership.
4. Conflicting published names in sparsely settled areas where local usage cannot be determined.
5. New names, that is, recently assigned or proposed names for features previously unnamed. (Use Board on Geographic Names form, 'Proposal of Name for an Unnamed Domestic Feature'.)

Established names in local use, even if previously unpublished, are not considered new names. If spelling, application, and extent of use are undisputed, a name may be accepted for publication without submitting it to the Board on Geographic Names for approval.